RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION.ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Title: CALLOUS PLANE

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the subject

application.

Listing of Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) Callous plane having a blade head and a handle, where the callous

plane has an underside facing the body surface of a user when in working position, and an upper

side facing away from said underside, and where a holding device with a lower holding part and

an upper holding part is provided in the blade head, in which a blade can be held in such a

manner that its cutting edge intended for use to shave off callous skin is located on the underside

of the callous plane, wherein the lower holding part is permanently connected to the handle and

displays an upward-pointing seat for the blade, and in that the upper holding part holds the

blade tightly in the seat with the help of a fixing device characterised in that wherein the fixing

device displays snap-in means for snap-fitting the upper holding part to the lower holding part.

2. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 1, wherein characterized in that

the underside of the blade head transitions smoothly from the lower holding part into the

underside of the handle.

3. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 1, wherein e haracterised

in that the lower holding part covers the entire underside of the held blade, apart from a

middle section of the cutting edge intended for use.

4. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 1, wherein e haracterised

in that the blade head essentially covers the upper side of the held blade, apart from a

middle section of the cutting edge intended for use.

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- 5. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 1, wherein e h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the underside of the upper holding part and the upper side of the lower holding part display curved shapes running roughly parallel to each other, the neutral axis of which runs in a working direction of the callous plane, such that the held blade is located between the holding parts under bending stress.
- 6. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 1, wherein e h a r a e t e r i s e d in t h a t the lower holding part displays a blade opening, through which the cutting edge of the blade can be passed in such a way that at least a middle longitudinal section of the cutting edge projects beyond the edge of the blade opening on the underside of the lower holding part by a small distance perpendicular to the working direction.
- 7. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 6, wherein e h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the undersides of both holding parts are curved, where the bend radius of the underside of the lower holding part is smaller than the bend radius of the underside of the upper holding part, at least in the area of the blade opening.
- 8. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 1, wherein e haracterised in that the fixing device displays a guide device for inserting the blade into the seat, and for inserting the two holding parts into each other.
- 9. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 8, wherein e haracterised in that the guide device displays guide prongs that are located at the corners of the seat and extend upwards, where the held blade and the upper holding part laterally rest against the guide prongs.
- 10. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 1, wherein e haracterised in that the fixing device displays a tongue-and-groove guide, by means of which the upper holding part can be guided over the lower holding part.

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in that the tongue-and-groove guide displays a guide rail and a guide groove with a dovetail-

(Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 10, wherein e haracter is ed

type cross-section.

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12. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 1, wherein e h a r a c t e r i s e d

in that the fixing device displays snap-in means for snap-fitting the upper holding part to the

lower holding part a pressure hollow is provided on the free end of the blade head and on the

upper side of the upper holding part.

13. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 1, wherein c haracterised

in that a through-passage for collecting and ejecting shaved-off callous skin particles is

provided in the upper holding part, where the through-passage is located above the blade opening

when in working position postition.

14. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 1, wherein e h a r a e t e r i s e d

in that the handle displays a handle part at its free end and a connecting section at its end

facing the blade head, where an eyehole leading from the upper side to the underside is let into

the connecting section in order to give a view of the body surface of a user to be treated.

15. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 14, wherein e h a r a c t e r i s e d

in that, for ergonomic adaptation, the handle part displays a section for the ball of the thumb

with convex padded grips in its free end area and/or a section for the fingers with a finger recess

on its end facing towards the connecting section.

16. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 15, wherein e h a r a c t e r i s e d

in that the section for the fingers displays a rectangular cross-section shape with finger

recesses provided on all sides.

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- 17. (Currently Amended) Callous plane according to Claim 16, wherein e h a r a c t e r i s e d i n t h a t the callous plane is made of plastic.
- 18. (Cancelled).
- 19. (New) Callous plane according to claim 1 characterized in that said snap-in means displays at least one snap hook, which is located latrally on one of the holding parts and reaches laterally around the other part for snap-fitting.